NHs

3403. SHRI P. KODANDA RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise position of National Highways and the percentage thereof with reference to the other roads in each State;

(b) the State-wise expenditure being incurred on the national highways both on construction and maintenance for the period of 7th and 8th Five Year Plans;

(c) the Government's guidelines regarding allocation of funds and taking up of new national highways;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the NH-4 has got two other Highways merging with it for a distance of 30 Km and 200 Km requiring the 200 Km stretch to be made into Express way; and

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected.

Medical Facilities to Retired Defence Personnels

3404. COL. RAO RAM SINGH :
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Defence personnel after retirement do not get proper medical facilities;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to open hospitals exclusively for serving/retired Defence personnel at such places where their numbers are adequate; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Defence personnel after retirement are provided adequate medical cover under a comprehensive package. The package consists of the following medical facilities/concessions :

(i) Ex-Servicemen are provided free outpatient treatment in Military Hospitals. They are also provided In-patient in Military Hospitals, except for psychiatric treatment, cancer treatment, kidney transplantation and coronary bypass surgery.

(ii) For ailments in respect of which treatment is not available in Military Hospitals, medical cover is provided under the Group Insurance schemes of the Armed Forces. Under the Group Insurance scheme, an amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh is paid for heart treatment, Rs. 75,000/- for Cancer treatment, Rs. 1.00 lakh for Renal transplant and Rs. 75,000/- for hip and knee joint replacement.

(iii) Those ex-Servicemen who are not covered under the medical insurance schemes, are provided financial assistance upto 60% of total expenditure on treatment of serious diseases, e.g., by-pass surgery, angiography, kidney renal transplant, cancer, coronary artery surgery, etc., by the Kendriya Sainik Board.

(iv) Ex-Servicemen can also take treatment in state Government civil hospitals.

(v) 24 MI Rooms and 12 Dental Centres have been set up for providing medical facilities exclusively to ex-Servicemen and their dependents.

(vi) Needy ex-Servicemen are also provided financial assistance for medical treatment from Raksha Mantri's Discretionary Fund upto a maximum of Rs. 15,000/-.

(b) and (c). Government have set up 127 Military Hospitals exclusively for Armed Forces serving personnel, ex-Servicemen and their families. These hospitals are based on regionalised patterns of health care delivery system and grouped into large Command Hospitals, Zonal hospitals, Medium hospitals and small hospitals. The Armed Forces Medical Services have one Army Hospital at Delhi, 7 Command Hospitals at Pune, Bombay, Bangalore, Lucknow, Calcutta, Udhampur and Chandimandir. There are 20 zonal hospitals, 18 medium hospitals (201 to 400 beds), 80 small hospitals (upto to 200 beds) and one specialist Cardiothoracic centre at Pune. Seventeen Civil hospitals both Government and private, spread all over the country have also been empanelled for providing advance Cardio-vascular treatment facilities to Armed Forces personnel pending development of these facilities in the service hospitals. Government have recently approved a scheme for modernisation of 127 Armed Forces hospitals at the cost of Rs. 66.00 crores. The existing Army hospital at Delhi Cantt. is being shifted to new premises at Subroto Park, Delhi Cantt. and is being provided with most modern state-of-the-art specialised medical facilities.

Quota of MBBS Seats

3405. SHRI GOPAL TANDEL : Will the Minister HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any action to increase the quota of medical seats (MBBS course) for Daman and Diu, Union Territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;